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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Little
4 Pony Eagle of Godfrey, who passed away on October 31, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle was born on January 19, 1923, in
6 St. Joseph, Missouri; he was the son of Red Eagle and Goldie
7 Eagle; and

8 WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle received his promotion
9 certificate from Roosevelt Junior High School at the age of 16
10 and was believed to be the first true American Indian to
11 graduate from an Alton public school; after his discharge from
12 the Army in 1945, he attended Shurtleff College, where he
13 graduated with a degree in engineering; and

14 WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle served his country as a member
15 of the United States Army with the 5th Bomber Command during
16 World War II in the Pacific Theatre; he earned 5 Bronze Stars
17 and a Good Conduct Medal for his meritorious service; and

18 WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle retired as an engineer from
19 McDonnell Douglas, where he worked on the Gemini Project in the
20 1960s; and

1 WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle was a Shriner and a 32nd Degree
2 Mason with the Piasa Masonic Lodge #27 A.F. & A.M.; and

3 WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle was preceded in death by his
4 wife, Hazel Eagle; and

5 WHEREAS, Little Pony Eagle is survived by his sisters,
6 Eagle Feather Barker and Two-Star Eagle; his nieces and
7 nephews, Monica Star Jerrells, Traci Dale Barker, Derrick Tyler
8 Barker, Thomas Eagle DeMond, Lance J. DeMond (Nancy), Jeffrey
9 Val DeMond, Rexford Jason DeMond, Bene' Star Hentrich (Andy),
10 and Lezlie Monique Kearney (Tim); and his 12 great-nieces and
11 great-nephews; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
15 Little Pony Eagle; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Little Pony Eagle as an expression
18 of our sympathy.